

DeWeese-Dye Ditch & Reservoir Company
Board Meeting
PO Box 759
Cañon City, CO 81215

May 6, 2019

President Arlin Bolkema called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Dick Poyner
Kenn Estes
Francis Ackley
Marc Thompson

Board Members Absent:

Others Present:

Kevin Bourgeois, Ditch Superintendent
Annette Ortega, Secretary/Treasurer
6 Shareholders

Minutes:

The minutes from the April 1, 2019 meeting were e-mailed prior to the meeting. All Board Members indicated that they had read the minutes. Board Member Thompson moved to accept the minutes, and Vice President Poyner seconded, all voted in favor.

Financial Report:

The list of April bills was provided and directed to Secretary/Treasurer Ortega if there were any questions. President Bolkema noted the cost to complete the tax return was a little higher, but may be because we are a new client, and also explained the work he had done. Round Mountain has been invoiced and has made payment for the repairs done by Inland Marine. Vice President Poyner moved to pay the bills, Board Member Ackley seconded, and all voted in favor of the motion.

Balance Sheet and Income Summary:

The financial reports were given to the Board, and anyone with questions were directed to speak with Annette.

Old Business:

- a) **Dam Extension Update:** A meeting with Chelsey Nutter has been set for Friday, May 17, 2019 at 10:00 to further discuss the status.

New Business:

- a) **Secretary/Treasurer Business Items:** Secretary/Treasurer Ortega discussed business items and issues, and provided an update on receivables and the forfeit lists. Collection letters were mailed out on March 25, 2019, and 10 more shareholders brought their accounts current as of the meeting date.
- b) **2019 Irrigation Season:**
Superintendent Bourgeois stated that things are going good, and brought a list of needed repairs he has encountered.
- c) **Major Repair Priorities:**
 - a. Superintendent Bourgeois said that things are going good, but Chestnut and Cedar needs to be repaired first, as it is flooding and undermining itself, and brought a list of repairs and issues to discuss.
- d) **Ditch Superintendent Update:** Discussion ensued with regard to Superintendent Bourgeois salary, labor and equipment issues; and the list of needed repairs found along the ditch.
 - a. Specifically, one of the biggest repair issues right now is the area at Chestnut and Cedar. The area is flooding and undermining itself.

- b. Various issues and needed repairs were discussed and what needs to be done to correct them. Secretary/Treasurer Ortega requested Superintendent Bourgeois provide the list he brought with him to her via email so that a plan can be created for the repairs. Superintendent Bourgeois agreed to email the list.
 - c. When asked if regular winter maintenance had been performed outside of the major winter projects, Superintendent Bourgeois stated with the amount of work he performed during the irrigation season, he felt he had worked enough; and felt he needed more labor and resources. After much discussion, Board Member Ackley motioned for soliciting for the addition of more help and Vice President Poyner seconded the motion; all aye. The Board Members were in agreement that Superintendent Bourgeois begin the process of securing additional labor so that his workload and hours are less, and to ensure that the Ditch is maintained year around. Cross-training is important and needs to be done.
 - d. Discussion ensued with regard to equipment acquisition and Board Member Ackley motioned to sell the deuce truck the Ditch currently has, and put those funds to possible future equipment, and Board Member Thompson seconded the motion; all aye. It was agreed to sell the deuce truck, but no decision was made on what to put the funds to at this time.
 - e. President Bolkema inquired as to why these items were not brought forward in prior meetings under "Major Repair Priorities", to which Superintendent Bourgeois stated he was not aware of them until now.
 - f. Further discussion ensued with various repairs needing to be addressed. Superintendent Bourgeois stated many old culverts have root structures and separations; the channels on the west side of town in poor condition, many division boxes are in poor condition, some breaches have not been able to be located, flood points in some locations have been removed and need to be re-installed, some damage to roadways need to be repaired to gain access, and filling the reservoir is difficult. Vice President Poyner inquired about the leak on Grape Creek and the upper end of the suspended pipe. Superintendent Bourgeois replied that he has tightened it, but it has gotten to where it is doing no good. President Bolkema stated the bridges still need to be set.
 - g. Secretary/Treasurer Ortega suggested all Board Members spend some time with Superintendent Bourgeois while he is working to confirm the repairs and to familiarize themselves with the Ditch so that they are aware of the issues and can gain ideas on forming a repair plan to address the issues.
- e) **Shareholder Questions:** The floor was opened to shareholders questions and/or comments.
- Shareholder Madone:** Tim has just purchased the property from the Moschetti's and inquired about moving a culvert so as to get equipment in and out without causing damage, and if the Ditch would be willing to purchase the pipe if he installs it. Vice President Poyner responded that he would need to obtain an access permit from CDOT, as he is moving access. Also of concern: The property at 1616 Chestnut is flooding his property and wanted to see if he could get contact information so that he could discuss the issue with the owner. Secretary/Treasurer Ortega will check Assessors' website to confirm who the owner is, and will provide contact information for CDOT on the access permit.
- Roundtable Discussion:** Discussion ensued with regard to addition of new employee and the budget. Board Member Estes inquired as to whether or not we could afford someone at this time. Secretary/Treasurer Ortega mentioned that a raise in assessment may need to take place to fund another full-time employee, because it is not in the budget. Shareholder Madone stated that we only run 2 days per week and felt assessment should not be raised. Other ditches run every day and we do not. Board Member Thompson asked if Superintendent Bourgeois could prioritize the repairs, to which he responded he could. Again, Secretary/Treasurer Ortega suggested all Board Members spend some time with Superintendent Bourgeois to see what the damages are, confirm information presented, see how the water delivery system works, and come up with ideas on a 5 or 10-year repair plan.
- f) **Other Business:**
- The floor was opened to other business. No other business was brought to the Board.

Adjournment: With no other business to consider, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m., via a motion by Board Member Ackley, seconded by Vice President Poyner, and a unanimous vote in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Ortega
Secretary/Treasurer